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For : EXTERNAL PREPARATION FOR SKIN AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111  
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 28, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria VA 22314

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 28, 2008, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until June 30, 2008 (June 28, 2008 being a Saturday).

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response, whereby an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee, including any required extension of time and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this Response.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction, the objection and the rejection of record are respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.